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Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Notice of Allowability and Issue Fee Due form mailed August 9, 2004.

The Notice of Allowability did not, however, acknowledge or include an initialed Form PTO-1449 acknowledging the Information Disclosure Statements filed October 3, 1997; September 20, 2002; May 9, 2003, May 29, 2003; January 24, 2004 and June 16, 2004. The Applicants also note that the IDS filed January 10, 2001 has been partially considered. Specifically, US patent 4,838,654 was not initialed. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner evidence consideration of the references cited in the IDS of October 3, 1997; January 10, 2001; September 20, 2002; May 9, 2003; May 29, 2003: January 24, 2004 and June 16, 2004 by providing a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449.

If a conference would beneficial in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

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